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A story of then and now

MAY JOHNSON was worried. She seemed to be losing the cheerfulness necessary for her role as the link between doctor and patient. Her phone constantly jangled. Even patients who tried hard to be cooperative insisted that they couldn't get used to their dentures. They had to see the doctor right away. She couldn't keep her schedule in order. She couldn't even be sure of getting out of the office on time for engagements.

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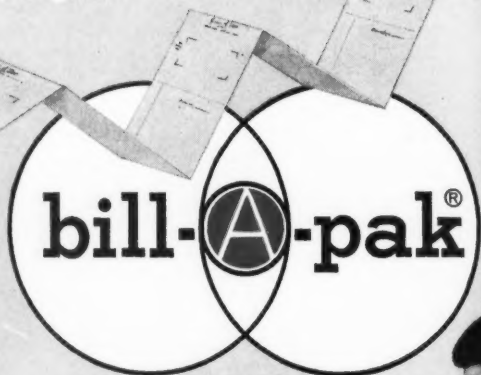
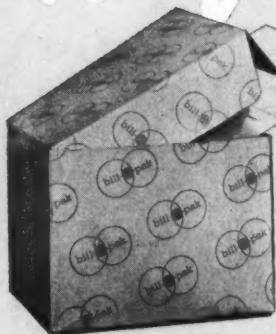
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THE *President's* PAGE

Greetings:

Houdini, the escape artist, found but one jail lock he could not open. After three hours of strenuous effort he fell against the door and it swung open. It had not been locked. Life is something like that isn't it? We build up in our minds barriers that do not exist. We lock ourselves up in a jail of failure by doubts and fears that live only in our imagination.

No doubt there are times that a "door" does not open and allow us to comfortably perform one of the many duties that confront us in our everyday work because we do not lean hard enough on that "door". By so doing we may find that the extra effort will make the problem comparatively easy.

Perhaps a personality trait that needs to be changed or disposed of could take place by our allowing more light to be brought in from the door opening so that we can see the fault that needs correcting. Perhaps it could be an improvement at our desk, in the laboratory, or being more efficient as we assist our doctor at the chair.

The door marked "disposition" is one which many of us could lean against and as a result be more cheerful, friendly, sympathetic and understanding. I sincerely hope that in these past months each of us has opened new doors because we have been anxious to do more than just the routine of everyday work; because we have wanted to do more in service to our community; because we have given more time and effort to the work of our association, and because we have learned the true meaning of the word "assist".

My Officers, the Board of Trustees and you as members have opened doors for me and I have found new and wonderful experiences. What progress we have made as an organization is because you have been willing to assist and help us open new doors.

I haven't the words to express to you my sincere appreciation for your kindness, loyalty and cooperation this year. My grateful thanks for your willingness to assist.

Sincerely,

LILLIAN HOFFMAN, *President*

FINAL ROUND-UP OF CONVENTION NEWS

The South Awaits You!

In a very short time we will again be meeting our friends at the annual convention. The Fourth District of the ADAA extends a cordial invitation to all dental assistants to meet us in Miami Beach where we are anxiously waiting to show you the true meaning of "Southern Hospitality".

We can assure you that the 30th annual meeting of the ADAA will be long remembered. Won't you join us to take advantage of the educational program and the fun we have prepared for you?

Come one, come all to Miami Beach this fall.

MALVINA CUERIA, *Fourth District Trustee*
Official Hostess.

HEY CONVENTIONAIRES!

Are you wondering how you will find your way from the airport, train or bus terminal, boat docks, carrier pigeon ramps, etc.??? It will be simple, look for the girls in the Seminole (Injun) stoles. We will be Florida members who can tell you how, why, when and what. Don't be bashful—walk right up and ask us. We'll have the answers. We hope!

BETTY MACY.

A SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE ENTERTAINMENT IN MIAMI BEACH!

The program of entertainment planned for us by the Florida members promises to be an exciting and interesting one.

Ginny Lockwood, Chairman of the Tea and Tour Committees reports that a tour of the inland water ways, showing the beautiful homes, tropic settings, beautiful gardens and all the many inland water ways is planned for Sunday afternoon.

This will be followed by the Hibiscus Tea, which will be in the outside gardens of the spacious Roney Plaza Hotel. Here, under the swaying palms and tropic skies, you will find beauty at its best as you meet your old friends and greet new ones.

Betty Macy says, "We've saved the best for the last." She lets us in on the secret, with permission to pass it along to you, that Tuesday evening, November 9, we will honor President, Lillian Hoffman, with a Mardi Gras evening and banquet. **MARDI GRAS!** a word that intrigues all who love fun, frivolity and festivity.

The setting, weather permitting, will be the beautiful tropical garden. If the weather is not kind to us, everything is all set to move into the Majestic Imperial Room without losing any of the color and atmosphere planned to make the evening gay and exciting.

Imagine, if you can, attending a Banquet in November in a tropical garden on a balmy night as a full moon casts its shadows through palm trees gently swaying in the soft ocean breeze. PLUS all the festivities, color and fun that goes with the Mardi Gras. There will be entertainment, Miami Beach's best, ably emceed by a top-notch performer whose identity remains a dark secret to add to the element of surprise that is also a part of the Mardi Gras. There will also be an Olympic water show and ballet, and last, but not least by any means, dancing under the stars.

During the past winter season, as an extra for the guests, four of these evenings

were planned by the Roney Plaza at a cost of \$50.00 per person. The price to you to attend this entire evening of superb entertainment will be \$10.00 per person. This will be one banquet you will not want to miss; we promise you it will provide a wonderful addition to your memory scrapbook.

When you receive this issue of THE DENTAL ASSISTANT is the time to make your reservation for the Banquet. Send your request (no checks, money orders or cash will be accepted at this time) to Esther Ramsey, P. O. Box 246, Miami Springs, Florida. You will pay for your ticket when you pick it up at the Registration Desk from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M. Sunday, November 8 or from 8 A. M. to 3 P. M. Monday the 9th. No tickets will be sold after 3 P. M. Monday.

Send your reservations request NOW, and we'll be looking for you at the Mardi Gras.

Mark all three of the above events as MUSTS on your Calendar!

WHAT TO WEAR?

November is usually a mild month in Florida. However, "unusual weather" has been known to make its appearance. Just in case—we suggest you bring along a light weight wool suit or top coat. Bring your cottons, silks or linens for warmer days. You will probably want a formal or semi-formal for a gala evening or two. This is winter vacationland, pastels are in order. Just pack your "duds," dresses, suits, skirts, slacks, shorts, and by all means a bathing suit and head for Miami Beach in November.

P. S. Be sure you get here by November 7. (That's when the action begins, and when Betty, Maria, Nell, Malvina and all the "gang" including Mr. Campbell and Eskey will be expecting you.)

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 25th—BIRTHDAY OF OUR FOUNDER

Juliette A. Southard

A.D.A.A. is again calling upon its members, through local societies, to have a birthday party in honor of our founder, Juliette A. Southard.

Contributions from these parties to be placed in the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund. In order for the Relief Fund to function we must depend upon contributions from the Component Societies of the A.D.A.A.

Your national committee is pledged to assist you in the efforts of this worthwhile cause.

The American Dental Assistant Association is proud to honor our founder, Juliette A. Southard, on this commemorative occasion.

Lets all join in and HAVE A PARTY.

LERENA (KELLY) HUNSECKER, *Chairman*
J.A.S. Birthday Party Committee
510½ Main Street
Newton, Kansas

CONDENSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1954

- Morning 9:00 Examination for Certification.
 11:00 Board of Trustees Meeting, Card Room, Mezzanine.
 Evening 7:00 Annual Dinner, Board of Trustees, Imperial Card Room,
 Roney Plaza Hotel.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1954

- Morning 9:00 Registration, Low Lounge.
 9:30 Board of Trustees Meeting, Card Room, Mezzanine.
 Noon 12:00 Boat Trip up Miami River.
 Afternoon 4:00 to 6:00 Hostess Society "Hibiscus Tea", Patio and Gardens,
 Roney Plaza Hotel.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1954

- Morning 8:00 Registration, Low Lounge.
 9:00 House of Delegates, First Session, Surf Room.
 9:30 Clinics with A.D.A., Dinner Key Auditorium.
 Afternoon 2:00 General Session, Surf Room.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1954

- Morning 9:30 Joint Conference with A.D.A. and A.D.H.A., Dinner Key Auditorium.
 Afternoon 1:00 Registration, Low Lounge.
 2:00 House of Delegates, Second Session, Surf Room.
 Evening 7:00 Banquet, Honoring President Lillian Hoffman. Formal Gardens,
 Roney Plaza Hotel. Dancing.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1954

- Morning 9:00 to 9:30 and 9:45 to 10:15
 Conference of Delegates. Four running simultaneously. Each session held twice.
"Improving Your Public Relations", Ocean Lounge.
 Mary Frances Joiner, Chairman
 La Veta Lehn, Co-Chairman
"Accepting An Assignment", Imperial Room.
 Marie Johnson, Chairman
 Eugenia Uttech, Co-Chairman
"The Team Approach To Better Organization", Card Room.
 Bessie Peterson, Chairman
 Magdalene Kulstad, Co-Chairman
"Membership, To Have And To Hold", Surf Room Annex.
 Virginia Carpenter, Chairman
 Viola Stone, Co-Chairman
 9:00 to 10:00 Conference of Delegates. Running once. Surf Room.
"The Members Want To Know: Education and Certification"
 Sadie Hadley, Chairman
 Mary Haney, Co-Chairman
 10:30 Official Roll Call, Surf Room.
 11:00 Balloting, Surf Room Annex.
 11:30 Board of Trustees Meeting with Past President's Council and Certification
 Board, Card Room, Mezzanine.
 Afternoon 3:00 House of Delegates, Third Session, Surf Room.
 11:00 to 1:00 Clinics A.D.A.A., Surf Room.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1954

- Morning 9:00 House of Delegates, Fourth Session, Surf Room.
 Presentation of Trophies.
 Installation of Officers.

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Hotel reservation application

**95th Annual Session
American Dental
Association
Nov. 8-11, 1954
Miami, Florida**

INSTRUCTIONS: Reservations for hotel accommodations may be secured for either Miami or Miami Beach by completing this application and mailing it to : A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 320 N.E. Fifth Street, Miami, Florida.

Be sure to indicate your arrival time in Miami. Reservations will be held only until 6 p.m. of the day you indicate when you will arrive in Miami. Failure to notify the hotel of any last minute change in your arrival time may result in cancellation of the reservation.

Names of all persons who intend to occupy the accommodations must be listed on the application.

List four choices of hotels. Confirmation will be sent to the applicant indicating which hotel has accepted the reservation.

Write the A.D.A. Housing Bureau in Miami if you wish to cancel the reservation.

A.D.A. Housing Bureau

320 N.E. Fifth Street, Miami, Florida

(Please print or type) A.D.A.

Applicant:

Name _____

(Street address) (City) (Zone) (State)

Arrival in Miami _____ a.m.
_____ p.m. Leaving

Accommodations:

Hotel _____ Hotel _____
(First choice) (Third choice)

Hotel _____ Hotel _____
(Second choice) (Fourth choice)

☐ Single occupancy, rate to range from \$ _____ to \$ _____ per day.

☐ Double occupancy, double bed, rate to range from \$ _____ to \$ _____ per day. } 2 names must

☐ Double occupancy, twin beds, rate to range from \$ _____ to \$ _____ per day. } be listed below

☐ Suite of _____ rooms, including parlor, rate to range from \$ _____ to \$ _____ per day.

Occupants: (use an extra page for listing additional names if necessary)

Room will be occupied by:

(Name) (Address) (City) (State)

(Name) (Address) (City) (State)

Post Convention Tours to Havana

The Cuban Dental Association, anxious to strengthen the bonds between dental societies of America, has carefully planned and officially approved a special post-convention tour from November 12th to the 16th. A. D. A. members attending the annual session in Miami are invited to take advantage of the planned tour.

While this tour is arranged primarily to have those who take it enjoy a comprehensive sightseeing, its arrival in Havana will coincide with the Opening Session of the IV National Convention of

this association on November 12th., at 9:00 P. M. Members of this tour are welcome to attend this session, the clinics of their interest, if so desired, and also to participate with their families and friends in the social program arranged.

The above information was sent to us by Dr. Cesar Mena Serra. Pdre. de la Comision Cientifica.

Following is information regarding rates and time of tours, and a reservation blank for your use, should you be interested in taking this tour.

OFFICIALLY APPROVED TOURS BY CUBAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION (C. E. N.) POST CONVENTION TOURS TO HAVANA

TOURS INCLUDE:

- 1.—First Class round trip ticket MIAMI—HAVANA—MIAMI on airways or steamer.
- 2.—Reception and transfers from and to airport or dock in Havana.
- 3.—First class hotel accommodations with private bath.
- 4.—Old and New Havana trip; Visiting National Capitol, La Merced church, Columbus Shrine, Cigar factory, Cathedral Square, Maine Monument etc.
- 5.—Morro Castle trip; visiting the famous Spanish fortress etc.
- 6.—Night tour; visiting Chinatown, Open-air cafes, Jai-Alai game, Montmatre night club etc.
- 7.—Attendance as guest of the Cuban Dental Association to the special dinner at TROPICANA NIGHT CLUB on Sunday, Nov. 14th. at 9 p.m.
- 8.—Attendance to scientific and social programs arranged by the Society on occasion of their 4th National Convention.
- 9.—Registration fees.
- 10.—All taxes.

RATES PER PERSON

AIRPLANE TOURS.

TOUR No. 1. (4 DAYS AND 3 NIGHTS)

	Hotels Nacional or Comodoro		Hotels Sevilla or President	
	with meals	without meals	with meals	without meals
double (each person)	\$123.00	\$ 93.00	\$109.00	\$89.00
single.	\$130.00	\$100.00	\$113.00	\$93.00

TOUR No. 2. (3 DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS)

	Hotels Nacional or Comodoro		Hotels Sevilla or President	
	with meals	without meals	with meals	without meals
double (each person)	\$108.00	\$88.00	\$ 99.00	\$85.00
single.	\$113.00	\$93.00	\$104.00	\$88.00

There are three major airlines operating more than 15 daily flights to and from Havana. Flying time is only 55 minutes on modern Constellations, DC-6B's and Convairs.

STEAMER TOURS.

TO OBTAIN RATES PER PERSON ADD \$15.00 TO ABOVE AIRPLANE TOURS.

Boat leaves Miami on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m., arriving Havana next day at 8 a.m. Leave Havana on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at 6 p.m. arriving Miami next day at 8 a.m. Berth and meals are included aboard steamer.

ADDITIONALS DAILY RATES.

	Hotels Nacional or Comodoro		Hotels Sevilla or President	
	with meals	without meals	with meals	without meals
double (each person)	\$ 17.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 5.00
single	\$ 19.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 7.00

U.S. Citizens do not need passports or vaccination certificates.

Naturalized citizens should bring their naturalization papers.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO ASSURE HOTEL ACCOMODATION DESIRED.

HOTELS INFORMATION.

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200 rooms with private bath. Located at Prado Boulevard in the heart of the city.

Dr. Antonio Montero Sánchez Jr. Sec.

Housing Bureau,

Colegio Estomatológico Nacional

Edificio Retiro Odontológico,

Vedado, Habana, Cuba.

RESERVATION APPLICATION POST CONVENTION TOURS TO HAVANA

(Officially approved by Cuban Dental Association C. E. N.)

Dr. Antonio Montero, Jr., Sec.

Housing Bureau

Colegio Estomatológico Nacional

Edificio Retiro Odontológico

Vedado, Habana, Cuba

Please reserve on your ☐ airplane
☐ steamer

TOUR # _____

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☐ afternoon

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following persons. (Please Print)

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Names _____

Address _____

number

street

city

state

I also want to stay _____ additional days. ☐ Morning

I will leave Havana on Nov. _____

☐ Afternoon

☐ with meals.

☐ without meals.

leaving Miami on November _____

☐ in a ☐ double or ☐ single room for the

I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$ _____ in payment of ☐ deposit ☐ full payment.

Deposit of \$20.00 is required on each reservation. If after making deposit or full payment it is found necessary to cancel your trip, total amount of money paid will be refunded if request is made within 5 days before date of departure.

RESERVATION MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE

THE DENTAL ASSISTANT,

An Invaluable Aid in Dental Practice

By HAROLD J. NOYES, *Dean*

The Dental School of the University of Oregon

To say that the dentist cannot practice without an assistant is to exaggerate, but certainly it is no exaggeration to say the dentist can perform a better dental service if he learns to take full advantage of chair-side and office assistance. Not only can he give his patients a more satisfactory service, he can at the same time serve a greater number.

The role of dental assistant is somewhat peculiar in the fabric of professional personnel. I do not like the term "dental nurse" because the duties which have gradually fallen to her lot are not, in the main, identical or even similar to those of registered nurse. For the most part, the nurse is administering to sick people following the instructions of the physician. The dental assistant is serving the dentist, who, in turn, administers to his patient. The duties of the surgical nurse are the exception. Moreover, the dental assistant has a greater variety of additional responsibilities than the nurse serving in either hospital or home.

My admiration for the dental assistant has grown constantly with the years I have spent in practice. By and large, there is one assistant to an office or a dentist, and she is housekeeper, receptionist, bookkeeper, laboratory technician, chair assistant, and, in bad times, a barrier to the bill collector. In larger offices, a division of labor naturally develops and some of these tasks are performed by more specialized employees. Yet, in the well organized small office, the dental assistant "runs the office" and, if she is capable and the dentist is wise, he will let her. But this is not the audience to enumerate the duties the assistant is heir to.

It is hard to get a good assistant and few applicants have had any previous

training. By the time they have learned your ways and peculiarities, they leave for one reason or another. If single they marry, if they are married they have a baby, and if they are too old for child birth they are usually not much account as an assistant. There is one set of signs and symptoms I have learned from sad and personal experience. When the excellent assistant who has come to know just what instrument you want before you think of it and sets the interval of appointments far better than your own estimates, is diplomatic with patients and never lets you miss an engagement, suddenly becomes absent minded, starts looking out of the window when you want cotton rolls, is slow getting statements out, and lets you forget that talk at the Rotary Club, you can bet your bottom dollar she is going to get married!

The education of the dental assistant is something of a problem because of the various duties mentioned before and the individual temperament and techniques of the many dentists. No very satisfactory solution has been found, though several are at this time on trial. The curriculum and program approved by the American Dental Association and the American Association of Dental Assistants is of very real value, and I recommend it to one who has not had the benefit of previous training. In some respects it could well be extended. We have felt that offering this course evenings over several weeks was a modification that met the economic need for those working.

I think I should agree that most dental assistants are paid less than their worth and perhaps only a few what they think they are worth. A really good assistant is invaluable; a poor one can ruin a practice. Most young women with little or

no experience, like most recent dental graduates, somehow absorb the idea that they should start at the same remunerative level of their experienced confreres. While training is a help to both, no schooling takes the place of experience in dental practice.

If what I have to say is to be of any value, I should mention what to me are some of the bad habits which stand in the way of advancement of the dental assistant. High on the list is failure to recognize that the dentist's practice and, in consequence his office, represents his individuality and is not provided for the convenience of his assistant. The interpretation of the ideas of the dentist in terms of operation of his practice builds the practice and consequently the position. The effort to carry over the techniques of a previous employer or those learned in school often irritate the dentist. It usually runs like this: "Dr. Umpity-Ump always did it this way", and sooner or later the fireworks start. Many a dentist can be led who can't be pushed.

Because of her knowledge of the interest of the dentist in his patients, and particularly as her years in his employ increase, she may become excessively concerned over the welfare of the practitioner. This loyalty may unintentionally lead to poor public relations. I have had patients complain to me of a feeling given them by dental assistants that the dentist or his staff are autocratic in making of appointments. This might have been avoided by care and consideration in dealing with the patient.

Much along this line, I have a particular complaint that deals with interprofessional telephone calls. I am annoyed when called from a patient to the telephone to hear a dental assistant say, "Dr. Joe Doakes is calling", and then wait for 3-5 minutes until the good Doctor can leave his patient. I see no reason why the

assistant should not call the number, but it is incumbent upon the caller to be at his phone when his call is answered.

You will note that I have omitted many of the qualities and techniques commonly enumerated in office management discussions: neatness, tact, records, accuracy, interest, and many others, which I assume are obvious. The items to which I have referred I have observed in experienced assistants.

The dental assistant is the ambassador between the dentist and patient and, in consequence, collectively between profession and public. By and large, I believe this responsibility is seriously accepted and both local and national associations of dentists and assistants stress this relation. The progress made in the past decade bears testimony to advances in professional integrity as well as technical proficiency and efficient practice management.

I am Neighbor to a Tree

*I am neighbor to a tree—
Towering in canyon or forest dim,
Or sunward leaping on hill and lea,
Or in quiet orchard with fruited limb.
A living truth I seem to see,
In the growing trunk of every tree.*

*From moist, clean earth each spire—like
fir*

*Thrusts eager arms to pierce the sky;
While apple's gold speaks its allure
Of ripening fruit for man's supply.
A living truth I seem to see,
In the growing trunk of every tree*

*In dim recesses of the glade,
Hodded by shrubbery and fern;
In kindly trees of fruit and shade,
I find the peace for which I yearn.
A living truth I seem to see,
In the growing trunk of every tree.*

—H. W. T.

NOTICE: The November-December issue of The Dental Assistant will be delayed until December in order to include the Convention Report.

THE REPORT OF THE 23rd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO DENTAL NURSE'S AND ASSISTANT'S ASSOCIATION.

By HARRIET DARLING, ADAA Representative

"The Key to Success", was the theme of the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Ontario Dental Nurse's and Assistant's Association, held in the beautiful Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 16-19, 1954.

It seemed to me that the officers and members in charge of the meeting used a whole ring of keys in arranging the excellent educational program and social events for the benefit and enjoyment of the 150 members who attended. Words fail me as I attempt to describe the fine program and gracious hospitality that prevailed throughout the meeting.

The meeting was officially opened Sunday noon when the Board of Governors met at the Granite Club for the President's Luncheon. This was a delightful event and my first opportunity to greet their President, Sylvania Hazell, who has attended our ADAA Meeting as their representative. Sylvania is serving as President of the Canadian Association now. Her members appreciate her ability and saw that she had another office as soon as she completed her duties as President of the O. D. N. and A. A.

The luncheon was followed by a business meeting of their Board, which I had the privilege to attend.

Late Sunday afternoon we were guests of the Toronto Affiliated Chapter, at a lovely reception at the Royal York Hotel, when each guest received a small umbrella fashioned from a pastel hankie, as a favor.

Sunday evening we were guests of the Ontario Dental Association, at an excellent musicale in the Royal York Concert Hall.

The Monday morning session, presided over by their President, Sylvania Hazell, was very similar to our General Session. It was a thrill to have them sing our national anthem as a part of that program.

President Hazell's employer, Dr. Norman H. Vickers, of Hamilton was the speaker of the morning. In his talk, "Where Do We Go From Here?" he stressed the importance of good public relations and reminded us of the important part the assistant plays in presenting good health information and favorable impressions for the dental profession, both in and out of our offices.

Early Monday afternoon we visited Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital. This is an outstanding institution where much corrective surgery is done for children. As dental assistants, we were especially interested in the cases receiving cleft palate corrections.

Later that afternoon it was my pleasure to serve as one of the judges for the eight excellent clinics presented by the assistants. It was no easy task to select the three whom we felt were entitled to clinic later with the doctors.

The Inspiration Banquet, Monday evening, honoring their president, was the highlight of the social events. It was convened by Irene Pollock, of Windsor, who is their new president and will be their representative at our Miami Meeting. I shall never forget my feelings when they drank a silent toast to the President of the United States in honor of their American Guest!

A musical program and the presentation of trophies were a part of the evenings entertainment.

On Tuesday morning we heard three outstanding speakers. In his discussion of "Laboratory Procedures", Mr. Ken Daly, Toronto, reminded us that the efficient performance of the duties assigned to the assistant assures the ultimate success of the completed case.

Dr. R. G. Bell, of the Shadowbrook Health Foundation, Toronto, explained the effects alcohol has on the human

body; the reactions we get from drinking; some of the reasons why people drink and what should and can be done about "When Drinking Becomes Dangerous".

Because more people are educated today, Mr. J. E. Laughlin, Toronto, feels it is important that we, as assistants, have the ability to express our knowledge. He gave many helpful suggestions for accomplishing this in his talk, "Speech in the Modern World".

Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Gordon Doan, Toronto, used a tape recorder to present some situations to be avoided in the dental office and in his talk, "Patient Management and Education" he gave suggestions for preventing them.

In "Another Sermon (Period)", Dr. J. H. Abraham, Montreal, stressed the fact that Success could be spelled capital **W O R K**.

Dr. D. A. Keys, of Lincoln, Nebraska, used slides to illustrate his talks on "Helpful Hints in Operative Dentistry".

As the American Representative, I was asked to present a paper, and used their theme and ours as my topic. "The Key to Success is to Assist".

Wednesday morning, Dr. Donald A. Moore, Hamilton, talked on "Psychomatic Relaxation, Sleep and Suggestion Therapy". He stated that good friends, good books, a belief in the Almighty, and the ability to relax are important musts in our lives.

Mildred Rosenberg, President of the Montreal Chapter, presented a paper on "Integrity".

The Wednesday morning session was concluded with a short business session at which time the new officers were elected.

The Annual Luncheon in the Roof Garden of the Royal York, convened by Jean Morden, Hamilton, was the closing event of the 23rd Annual Meeting of the O.D.N. and A.A. More trophies were presented and the installation Ceremony of newly elected officers was conducted

by Dorothy Pippard, who was their representative to our Cleveland Meeting.

The honor and privilege of attending the meeting as the representative of the ADAA was an experience that I shall always cherish. From the moment I arrived in Toronto, late Friday afternoon, May 14th, when I was met at the station, which is just across the street from the Royal York Hotel, by the Convention Hostess, Gladys Cochrane, until my departure Wednesday evening, May 19th, it seemed that her thoughts and those of all the members were concentrated on seeing that I had a truly delightful visit. It was gratifying to feel that the respect she extended to me, as your representative, was an expression of their friendliness to our association.

I spent the Saturday before the meeting with our dear friend, Marion Edwards, founder of their association and honorary member of the ADAA. We spent the morning visiting their shops and after a delightful lunch, rode Toronto's new subway to the end of the line where we were met by Marion's daughter, son-in-law and five year old grandson, who took us sightseeing, by car, in and around Toronto. The highlight of the trip, to me, was a visit to a true English castle which was built by an eccentric wealthy nobleman with the thought of having a suitable residence for the royal family when they visited Canada.

Every moment during my stay, when we were not busy with the planned events of the meeting, someone was doing something extra nice for me.

I shall never be able to adequately express my appreciation to the Canadian Girls for their gracious hospitality, or to you, the members of my association for the opportunity to represent you at this meeting. It was an experience I shall always treasure, and one I wish each of you could enjoy.

WHAT DENTISTRY Means to Me

By ELEANOR GRAY FULMER

Fayette, Alabama

Recently I have become increasingly aware of the fact of what dentistry means and is to humanity. It has given me a great sense of satisfaction to know that I, too, am a part of this honored profession that is giving to humanity such a wonderful service.

The field of dentistry, and all it includes, is broad and interesting. Yet, few people, not merely the young, think of it beyond that of the dentist's chair. There is a broader, pleasanter and more appealing side about which we know and hear too little. I would like very much to attempt to make clear and vitally real to you, all that dentistry means to you and to me and all that dentistry has done and hopes to do to direct each of us along the road to a finer, healthier and happier life.

According to Webster, dentistry is the science of and pertaining to the teeth and their treatment. Dentistry to me, not only means the treatment of the teeth but also the treatment of the patient. When we treat the teeth with the thought of improving the appearance, general health and well being of the patient in mind only then do we achieve our aim. We owe it to our patients to serve them to the best of our abilities.

I would like to tell you what dentistry means to each of you from the standpoint of health, happiness and personal appearance. Without the care given by the dentist and his assistant, very few people would reach adult life with a normal healthy set of teeth. More than 90% of the children in this country suffer from the most common ailment of mankind. This ailment is our foremost enemy, tooth decay. Its cause, like that of cancer and the common cold is still clothed in secrecy and shrouded in mystery.

If tooth decay is not arrested, it is only a matter of time until there will be pain, infection and loss of teeth. This means discomfort, ill health and facial deformity. There are only two people in the world who can prevent this, and they are the dentist and his assistant.

As we all know, neglect is the greatest menace to mouth health. *This cannot be made too plain!* Nature has been kind to us in many ways but her generosity is qualified by insistence that the mouth, more than any other part of the body, be given constant care and supervision, if we are to maintain good health.

The dentist, as we know him, is the man to whom we go when we have dental pain, or when our appearance has been disturbed by a dental deformity, such as a broken front tooth, or irregular teeth.

In order that you might appreciate dentistry more fully as a large well organized unit of public health as you see it today, may I ask you to think with me of the entire scope of dentistry as a huge sphere similar to that of the earth's globe, which is made up of many important parts, no part of which we can omit if we wish to make the sphere complete. This sphere of dentistry must include the early beginning of dentistry, its opportunities for service; and its good to humanity. Fit all of these together and we will have an interesting and inspiring picture of all that dentistry means today.

Since the beginning of recorded time, in the law of nature, in literature, in art and in science, the teeth have been given a place of prominence and dignity as "pearls of great price" or "the keynote of loveliness and great strength". You have heard, no doubt, in ancient history of the pride which the primitive man took in

a powerful, robust body. With his firm muscular physique we can rest assured that his strong angular jaw supported a beautiful set of well developed, strong, white, healthy teeth—the kind which are all too scarce in our present day civilization. I venture to say, that through the ages, man's teeth have played a leading part in giving him a large degree of the life, health and happiness which he has so fully enjoyed.

The king of all beasts, the lion, holds its title because of its massive jaw and mighty teeth. Imagine the utter helplessness of a toothless lion. Take on the other hand, a lowly mouse its ruthlessness is due to the skill of its destructive knifelike incisors which render him no easy prey. Throughout the history of man and beast, the teeth have proved a lasting symbol of physical superiority and well being.

Through science and history, it has been proved that diseases of the teeth are as old as the human race, itself. However, the fact remains that early man suffered very little from the diseases and deformities of the mouth with which we are so familiar in our so-called modern times. It is no uncommon sight to see poorly formed dentition, teeth out of line, decay and an unsightly, unhealthy condition of the mouth. This is no doubt due to our habits, food and our general dental carelessness. Our mode of living has made us easy targets for maladies of the mouth which undermine our general health and mar our appearance.

Dental decay has spread so rapidly in recent years that the public has neither developed the means nor the wisdom of dealing with its destructiveness. The frequent sight of tooth decay and other oral diseases, especially when there is no pain, has made many loose and careless thinkers regarding the importance of dental care. Some of us have seen patients and parents that have actually been misled to the point of believing that: Cavities in a child's first set of teeth make no difference, it is only the permanent teeth that

matter; that the main duty of the dentist and his assistant is to relieve pain by extracting teeth and that the loss of teeth, especially in old age should be expected. Some people actually believe that dental disease is natural and cannot be avoided and that it is not usually very serious anyway. *These are all untrue, unfair and very dangerous beliefs.*

Such mistakes as these may cause someone to go through life a hopeless "dental cripple"—one whose features have been deformed because of some uncared for dental ailment which happened during the early years of their life. Misinformation of this sort could cost the person involved their health and their life.

Childhood diseases such as measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, chicken pox and the like were once thought that they had to be suffered by every normal child. Nature has never planned that any disease should be considered normal at any age. And it is because of this truth that dentistry has dedicated its resources to an awakening of the public mind to a fuller appreciation for the preservation of oral health.

Fear of a visit to a dental office is rapidly reducing itself to a mere myth and nervousness no longer exists for those who are acquainted with the kind, sympathetic and skillful service of the modern dentist and his very capable and understanding assistant. Today, they are justly looked upon as understanding friends and wise counsellors whose greatest interests are in helping their patients to prevent suffering and disease—not only of the mouth but of the entire body. They work to improve the general health, well-being and appearance of the patient, and the teeth and their surrounding tissues just happen to be their field and the part of the body they treat.

Now that we have touched upon many of the vital parts of dentistry, there is still one I consider as important—very, very important. Throughout we have laid emphasis upon the way in which dentistry

can serve us in assuring a happy, healthful existence. It is equally important that we think of how we might and can serve dentistry, our community, state and nation by carrying on the work of the noble pioneers who worked to elevate dentistry to its present high plane. We owe it to ourselves, our patients, our dentists and our fellow dental assistants and hygienists to carry on the efforts of the wonderful few that made dental-assisting a highly respected and honored profession. The field of dentistry and dental assisting is

not over crowded. In fact, the opportunities and needs, are perhaps greater today than in any other professional field. May each of your lives be blessed with some form of useful service, more useful as a result of your coming this way and attending our own state meeting.

We, as dental assistants and hygienists, should forever strive to make **PERFECTION** our ultimate aim and goal in our work as well as in our life. **AND THIS IS WHAT DENTISTRY MEANS TO ME.**

EDUCATION—OUR CHALLENGE

By JOY PHILLIPS

Leaders of an association are chosen for their ability to guide and inspire their members. They guide through their plans and suggestions and inspire through their messages and help to all. A good leader dedicates her time during the term in office to that association. Her thoughts are always for the betterment and good of the members, for she knows that whatever she does or says is taken for the principles of her association. That is a responsibility that cannot be ignored. It is also her challenge—will she be able to meet each situation for the best interest of all members and still maintain the purpose of her association. This is not always easy. If the member will read her messages throughout the year, she will have a better understanding of what the leader is striving to do for her membership.

Throughout the year the President of our National Association, the American Dental Assistants Association, conveys her messages and plans through the pages of **THE DENTAL ASSISTANT** and the brochures from the ADAA committees. Your State Officers follow through by building their plans around these suggestions, conveying their messages through "The Excavator" and the State committees, on to

the Local Societies. In this way all three, National, State and Locals, are following the same principles. If the membership will read, study, and then put to practice some of these words, I am sure our lives and societies would be more worthwhile.

We are all dental assistants, many of us work each day in an office and care for our home and family in the evening. This in itself may be a busy life, but some make time to create a little more meaning to their life and those of other members. These are your officers, committees and members who work to make your association the one it is, and try for improvements each year. We must **MAKE** time for these extra duties for certainly **TIME** never stands still for us to **TAKE** some. Our ADAA is one big family covering the United States, Hawaii and Alaska, but it would never have grown and withstood these past 30 years, if some members had not put out that extra energy because they were genuinely interested and wished to do something for others. The feeling within one's self for doing something for others is the greatest acknowledgment of thanks we can know. This extra work may leave its mark of weariness, yes—but more important we have stored up a world of new

facts, information, friends and are a better, bigger, person for it all. No one of us was created to live alone, for life would then be an existence. Our lives were meant to share with others to reap the fruits of good will. If one individual falls down, it can be contagious for those around her. When we make every effort to help ourselves and our associates, soon we, too, find help where least expected. These things are true of an association also; where there is enthusiasm and help from all members we have a meaningful and growing society, contagious to prospective members.

Basically, societies don't fail because of material misfortunes. They crumble from within because some members may have fallen down on the job and through neglect and indifference have allowed their ideals to be lost. This form of disease could spread like an epidemic. We must always set our ideals high and keep striving. We are not just responsible *to* and *for* ourselves, but are a vital part of the chain of ADAA. Daily self discipline and examination of ourselves and our associates can keep this chain bright and shining. If we let down now, we are letting down all those members in the past who worked so hard to give us our present association. Interest and daily work, always a little better, will keep us headed toward our goal—Education for our association and our members.

I like an article printed in our Journal recently, called, "Helpful Hints for Self Improvement". No. 1—Learn to distinguish the essential from the non-essential. Essential things are inward truthfulness, uncompromising sincerity and earnest effort. All these are inborn qualities in each of us to be cultivated and preserved. The non-essentials are petty disagreements, jealousy, envy and false pride. How much happier our lives would be without these non-essentials. No. 2—Learn to Roll With the Punch. We cannot always be on top. When you feel tired and depressed take a good inspection of yourself

and straighten your course back to the goal. No. 3—Learn to Adjust. If we are poorly adjusted we are unhappy. We all must take some compromise daily or certainly peace of mind would never be ours. And No. 4—Practice Diplomacy. What a world of difference the practice of diplomacy can make. An otherwise difficult situation can be made pleasant for yourself and the other party. Countries are built and preserved on it so why should we, the individual, ignore it.

As assistants in our offices we work together with our dentists to be of assistance in any way. We meet our patients with a smile and courtesy; so it should be in our society; all members working together to help and always courteous. We are a part of a great Profession, Dentistry; one that is constantly growing in knowledge. This should be a challenge to us. Are we ready to keep pace with that Profession? The ADAA is here to help us do just that through the educational features it offers. Education for Dental Assistants was Juliette Southard's thought in organizing our nationwide association, and Education is the ONE thing that has kept this association growing. Social groups may die after a period of time, but with our challenge to keep pace with the Dental Profession, constantly seeking further knowledge for our members, our association can have no end. *Taken from the President's Address to the General Assembly, Arizona State Dental Assistants Association, April 23, 1954.*

LEARNING ENGLISH

A Frenchman was relating his experience in trying to learn the English language. "When I first discovered that if I was quick I was fast, and that if I was tied I was fast, if I spent too freely I was fast, and that not to eat was to fast—I was discouraged. But when I came across the sentence, 'The first one won one-dollar prize,' I gave up trying to learn English.—Bramwords.

Nominations for Elective A. D. A. A. Officers

1954-55

From the A. D. A. A. By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 4. Nominations: "A Nominating Committee shall be elected by the Board of Trustees at the pre-convention meeting to serve for the following year. There shall be five members of this Committee; three from the House of Delegates, and two from the Board of Trustees. The Nominating Committee shall elect a chairman whose name shall be published in the first post-convention issue of the journal and nominations for elective officers, with their qualifications, submitted by component societies or the Board of Trustees, may be sent to the Chairman or to the Executive Secretary."

"All nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee not later than ninety days prior to the annual session."

"The names of the candidates and their qualifications shall appear in the pre-convention issue of the Journal."

"Nominations from the floor shall be called for. The consent of the candidate, in writing, shall be secured before the nomination is made."

Therefore, we present the following as received from the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Sarah R. Cochran.

For the office of PRESIDENT-ELECT
..... Bessie Peterson

Qualifications of Candidate:

Number of years a dental assistant ...18

Number of years a member of the ADAA17

Member of Iowa State Dental Assistants Association. Offices held in local society: Secretary, Vice-President, President. Offices held in State Society: Treasurer, Vice-President, President. Offices held in A. D. A. A.: Seventh District Trustee, 1st Vice-President. Chairman or Member of ADAA Com-

mittee (2 years) Manual Compiling Committee.

For the Office of FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT Mary Frances Joiner

Qualifications of Candidate:

Number of years a dental assistant17½

Number of years a member of the ADAA17

Member of—Georgia Dental Assistants Association. Offices held in local society: President, Secretary. Offices held in state society: President (2 terms). Offices held in ADAA: Trustee, Second Vice-President. Chairman or member of ADAA Committee (2 years): Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party, Public Relations Committee (1 years) Chairman.

For the office of SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT Magdalene M. Kulstad

Qualifications of Candidate:

Number of years a dental assistant 15

Number of years a member of the ADAA15

Member of—Southern California State Dental Assistants Association. Offices held in local society: Recording Secretary, President (2 years), Parliamentarian and counsellor of Tri-County Dental Assistants Association. Offices held in state society: Recording Secretary, First Vice-President, President. Offices held in A. D. A. A.: Third Vice-President. Chairman or member of ADAA Committee (2 years): Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund, Juliette A. Southard Scholarship Fund. Other pertinent information: Chairman and Committee member of several local and state committees.

For the office of THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT Joy Phillips

Qualifications of Candidate:

Number of years a dental assistant 8½

Number of years a member of the ADAA 8
 Member of—Arizona State Dental Assistants Association. Offices held in local society: Secretary, President. Offices held in state society: Secretary-Treasurer, President. Offices held in the ADAA: none. Chairman or member of ADAA Committee (2 years) Member, Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party 1953, Member Education Committee '54-'55. Other pertinent information: Editor of state bulletin for 2 years, helped organize Arizona state association, and prepare first By-Laws.

For the office of THIRD- VICE-PRESIDENT Delma Hopkins

Qualifications of Candidate:

Number of years a dental assistant ...28
 Number of years a member of the ADAA26
 Member of—Kansas State Dental Assistants Association, and formerly Missouri State Dental Assistants Association. Offices held in local society: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman Clinic-Poster Committee, Education Committee. Offices held in state society: Vice-President, Secretary. Committees: Education, Clinic-Poster, Legislation, Local Arrangements. Offices held in ADAA: Eighth District Trustee. Chairman or Member of ADAA Committee (2 years) Membership (2 years) Necrology. Other pertinent information: Instrumental in organizing both Kansas City Dental Assistants societies, Member of Club President's Roundtable, Board of Directors, Women's Chamber of Commerce, Board of Child Health, Education in Schools and Health Education, Legislative Steering & Civil Defense of the Women's Council of Clubs.

For the office of GENERAL SECRETARY Nita Browning

Qualifications of Candidate:

Number of years a dental assistant ...16
 Number of years a member of the ADAA 6

Member of—Utah State Dental Assistants Association. Offices held in local society: President. Offices held in state society: President (2 terms). Offices held in ADAA: Trustee 10th District, General Secretary. Chairman or member of ADAA Committee (2 years): Chairman By-Laws Committee.

For the office of TREASURER (re-election) Harriett Darling

Number of years a dental assistant ...24
 Number of years a member of the ADAA14
 Offices held in local society: All offices. Offices held in state society: All offices. Offices held in the ADAA: Third Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee. Chairman or member of ADAA Committee (2 years): Public Relations, ADAA Finance, Judicial Committees.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERS OF CERTIFICATION BOARD.

Betty Macy—Member Florida Dental Assistants Association. Certified Dental Assistant for six years.

Evelyn B. Brett—Member of Pennsylvania State Dental Assistants Association. Past President American Dental Assistants Association, Certified Dental Assistant for six years.

Ethel Baxter—Member Louisiana State Dental Assistants Association, Certified Dental Assistant for three years.

Edna S. Allen—Member of Pennsylvania Dental Assistants Association for five years. Nominated by: Lehigh Valley Pennsylvania Dental Assistants Society.

Laura C. Alberi—Member of Florida State Dental Assistants Association. Certified Dental Assistant for five and one-half years.

Peggy L. Le Lance—Member of West Virginia State Dental Assistants Association. Certified Dental Assistant for two years.

Consent of the above named candidates, in writing, has been secured.

Increasing the Efficiency in the Dental Office

By JOYCE THOMAS

Efficiency is activity that counts toward a purpose. Efficiency in the dental office might be defined as the activity that leads to rendering the best possible service with the least amount of time, discomfort, and expense to the patient.

The capable dental assistant plays an important role in an ethical dental office. Unfortunately there are frequent changes in the office personnel and new assistants must be trained. Assistants are carefully chosen because of their vital importance to a well-organized dental office. Dental nurses must be capable and able to assume responsibility in order to give the patients the best dental service possible.

In order to become an efficient assistant, one must understand the duties of the office and perform these conscientiously. An outline can be made of the work that is to be done during a day, with specific time being set aside for emergencies, operative procedures, and prosthetic patients. Places should be given to locate instruments and materials, naming the drawer and section where they are kept, and the order in which each will be used.

Every member of the staff should strive for improvement through every available means. This can be done by reading books, dental magazines and attending lectures and clinics at every opportunity that is given. At such meetings each person can receive helpful suggestions that will make him an even more efficient part of the office. One may be fortunate enough to have a clinician from his own office to help with the operation. In this way, the entire office personnel participates in the procedure, mainly observing and carrying out various suggestions. Oftentimes one may discover that the little details that have been given over and over at the clinic will still be re-

vealed more forcibly as he is assisting with a demonstration operation.

Enthusiasm is the basic quality of efficiency. Few, if any, patients come to a dental office with enthusiasm about having dental services rendered. Usually they come to a dental office for something they consider a necessary evil. Therefore, it is the pleasant and enthusiastic personality of the assistant that is of tremendous value in making the patient happy. Any office which is up to the minute in its procedure is not lacking in this quality. It is contagious, any individual can lift another person's morale to great heights. Surely there is room for such enthusiasm with the staff, because they must stimulate most of the patients to a happier attitude toward dentistry and the office.

The staff should work together, with sore knowledge, enthusiasm, and skill toward the one ultimate goal—real service.

EDUCATION

A well known western university professor says that a student can consider himself well educated when he can answer "Yes" to each of these questions:

"Has your education given you a sympathy for all good causes?"

"Has it made you a protecting brother to the weak?"

"Have you learned how to make friends and keep them?"

"Can you look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eye?"

"Do you see anything to love in a little child?"

"Are you good for anything yourself?"

"Can you be happy alone, with only your thoughts for company?"

"Can you look into a mud puddle, and see anything in the puddle but mud?"

A.D.A.A. NEWS ITEMS

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DENTAL ASSISTING AS A CAREER

We receive many inquiries for information about the ADAA, or about dental assisting as a career. Often there is a request for data on the nearest local society. We do our best to take care of these inquiries. If we cannot determine the nearest local society, we refer to the state association officers. Whenever we give names and addresses of officers (local or state) we always send carbons of the letter to the officers whose names are given. If you have received such carbons, we hope you have followed through. It may not always mean a new member; but a little courteous attention to a high school student who is trying to decide on a career will build good will for the ADAA. We are counting on your cooperation.

DID YOU READ THE JULY ISSUE OF CHARM MAGAZINE?

If you followed the suggestion we made in the last issue of *THE DENTAL ASSISTANT* and got your copy of this magazine, you could not have missed reading the article, "Half a Million Women and Their Business Clubs." Weren't you proud that you are one of the 500,000 working women *Charm* was saluting in this fine article?

Did you note that the article stated that this active participation in our own professional societies has raised standards and won recognition for women who work? It stated that these groups are respected in their communities, and their influence is felt in every mayor's office and state legislature, and in our nation's Congress.

We are certain that you join your officers in feeling a deep sense of pride in being a part of one of the eleven major organizations of this kind, which were saluted by this fine and widely read magazine.

Another national periodical *Seventeen* gave recognition to the ADAA, its aims and purpose in the June issue. This national recognition can be of great value to the American Dental Assistants Association at all levels, particularly in local membership work. We urge you to read these articles, and to take advantage of this publicity made available in this manner.

THE ANGELO CHIAVARO LOYAL ASSISTANT TROPHY

The Angelo Chiavaro Loyal Assistant Trophy will be presented to the member of the ADAA present at the annual meeting who submits the longest record of consecutive employment with one employer, (provided that she has not previously received this Trophy). A certificate, giving date of original employment, attested by the employer, President and Secretary of her local association, and stating that she has been a member of the ADAA for at least two years, must be notarized. The certificates may be mailed to the Executive Secretary up to October 20, thereafter, they are to be turned over to her no later than November 8, at 5 P. M.

CHANGE IN THE TIME OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The first meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Saturday, November 6th, at 11 A. M. instead of 1 P. M. as was previously announced in the Official Call, which appeared in the May-June issue of *THE DENTAL ASSISTANT*. This was changed in order to assure free time for the board members to take the boat trip on Sunday afternoon.

ATTENTION — DELEGATES AND CLINICIANS

Program Chairman, Ruth Doring, wishes to call attention to the fact that Clinics with the ADA are to be on Monday morning, and that there will be a House of Delegates Session at the same time. (See resume of official program in this issue.) She informs us that this unfortunate situation is one that most certainly would have been avoided had it been at all possible. With Tuesday morning also given over to a joint conference with the ADA, it was impossible to arrange the meetings otherwise. In the event some of your delegates are also clinicians, it has been agreed that they will be excused from the First House of Delegates Session. Please check this with your Trustee upon your arrival in Miami Beach.

A. D. A. A. CERTIFICATION BOARD, INC. EXAMINATION

The July-August issue of THE DENTAL ASSISTANT carried the announcement of a certification examination by the American Dental Assistants Certification Board, Inc., will be held in Miami, Florida, Saturday, November 6, 9:00 o'clock A. M. This examination will be held at the L. N. Anderson Dental Supply Company, Miami, Florida. Consult the Florida Information Desk for this firm's location in Miami.

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Emblem Pin	\$3.65	
Gavel with Pearl—State President	3.85	\$2.50
Gavel—Component Society President	2.75	1.85
Gavel with "Vice" on handle—All Vice Presidents	2.75	1.85
Quill with 3 Pearls—State Secretary	3.85	2.75
Quill—Component Societies	2.75	1.85
Inkwell—Assistant Secretaries	2.75	1.85
Crossed Quill & Key—Secretary-Treasurer	3.85	2.75
Key with 3 Pearls—State Treasurer	3.85	2.75
Key—Component Treasurer	2.75	1.85
Quill in Inkwell—Editor	3.25	2.25
Torch—Committeeman	2.75	1.85
Open Book—Historian	2.75	1.85
Single Letter Guard—Initial of State, City, Society	2.75	2.00
Two Letter Guard—Separate Letters	5.50	3.85
Special Design—Double Letter	3.25	2.25
Double Numeral Year Guard	2.75	
Loyalty Guards—5 Year and 10 Year	2.75	
Loyalty Guards—15 Year, 20 Year and 25 Year	3.85	
Trustee Guard	2.75	
Certification Wreath Only	3.85	
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EDITORIAL

OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE

By HELEN H. FITTING,

Official Flag Lady—Honorary Life Member, ADAA

The Stars and Stripes is a symbol of our American Heritage. President Eisenhower helped the Nation celebrate Flag-Day June 14, 1954 by signing into law a bill to include the words "under God" in the traditional pledge of allegiance.

The revised pledge now reads:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

When saluting our flag we salute the brave men in all our Nation's wars who have proudly fought even to the death to gain and preserve for us the treasure called freedom.

In honoring our flag—the symbol of our Nation—we are honoring our Nation itself. Let us rededicate ourselves to uphold the ideals for which America stands. These are the ideals of truth, of justice, of individual liberty, or human dignity.

All those old veterans of General Washington's army had been born under another flag, and had then watched the birth of their own. They remembered when their own Continental Congress had first designed it, when some Philadelphia woman had stitched up the first true copy of it; they had then fought behind it, and, now they could live in freedom under it.

To many of us, our patriotic holidays have a true significance. We remember that our freedom was not conferred by government or legislative enactment, but is a Divine Blessing. It is a sacred trust to be treasured and guarded by all—a gift from God to be jealously defended. There are people living in this country, including some born in it, who do not like or respect the American Flag, or the Nation for which it stands. They are the disloyal. Show the flag, on your home, on your place of business, it is the symbol of one of the glorious developments of history, and always it has stood for liberty. Showing the flag will be showing the world that we cling to the glorious things it represents, and intend to continue to do so.

The flag is the symbol of our land and our liberty and of the prayers and tears and blood that went into the winning of the way of life that is our own. Surely he is dead of soul to whom these thoughts do not bring a new sense of gratitude and devotion, and a solemn dedication of himself—all that he has, all that he is, to the land of his fathers. There is no American, surely, who will not feel in his heart a particular sort of affection for his Nation's colors.

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STATE MEETINGS

Georgia Dental Assistants Association—October 11-13, 1954, Ansley Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. President, Harriet Stone, V. A. Dental Clinic, Blun Bldg., Savannah, Ga. Secretary, Claire Williamson, 211 Medical Arts Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

Ohio Dental Assistants Association—October 17-21, 1954, Sheraton-Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio. President, Anne Wetzel, 510 Fidelity Bldg., Dayton, Ohio. Secretary, Eleanor Sterling, 520 Fidelity Bldg., Dayton, Ohio.

Pennsylvania Dental Assistants Association—October 4-7, 1954, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. President, Marion Israelson, 228 Union Station Bldg., Erie, Pa. Secretary, Sally Cochran, 800 Commerce Bldg., Erie Pa.

Colorado Dental Assistants Association—October 3-6, 1954, Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Secretary: Lona Meeds, 303 North Weber Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Views of the NEWS

By ALBERTA REED

No poem about autumn, no noble thought or slogan, no admonitions this time! We are sitting before an open window with a beautiful blue lake encircled with a band of white sand before us, a cool breeze in our face, the shouts of happy vacationers in our ears, and long, leisurely days of rest and fun ahead of us! Perhaps this is the way each of us, in our own fashion, gain the refreshment and joy and new perspective necessary to our continuing to effectively "assist."

FIRST DISTRICT

News from Rhode Island

Jeanne Fiore, State Reporter for the Rhode Island Dental Assistants Association, sends news of the Annual Dance held in June at the Pawtucket Golf Club. Beverly Tissaker was in charge of the dance and Violet Hogberg in charge of Ways and Means.

SECOND DISTRICT

News from New York

The indefatigable Lee M. Taras reports on the dental assistant doings in New York State in her usual clear and interesting fashion. The annual meeting of the New York Dental Assistants Association held in Buffalo, N. Y., was a success in many ways. The special features, the splendid speakers, the social activities and the election and installation of new

officers sent everyone back home with renewed enthusiasm. Delegates to the National Convention are Arlene Hartnett, Madeline Porter, Rosemarie Cornelius, Helen Overfield, Irene Graswick and Alberta Spaulding with Alternates Robina McMurdo, Catherine Manilla, Fanny Cohen, Bernadine Brekka, Mary Petrino and Gladys Kennedy.

The Dental Assistants Study Club of the Second District announces plans are under way for the Fifth Extension Study Course. Limited attendance, girls, so get your applications in soon. The next regular meeting of this group will be October 3 with Essayist Dr. Arthur Raeder speaking on "The Orthodontic Personality."

The Richmond County Dental Assistants Society announces plans under way for A. D. A. A. Extension Study Course and for the autumn regular meetings.

The Syracuse Dental Assistants Society celebrated its 25th Anniversary in June with a gala dinner and dance. Congratulations, girls! All members are urged to contact Publicity Chairman Virginia Pendillo, 1212 Midland Ave., Syracuse, for dates of regular meetings and study classes.

The Elmira Dental Assistants Society is proud of its six members who were certified this year and urges all its members to contact Phyllis Conklin, 523 W. Church St., Elmira, for information concerning the fall meetings and the study courses.

The Nassau County Dental Assistants Society announces that Ona Mae Coombs, 11 Argyle Place, Massapequa, has all information concerning future meetings, to be held at Garden City Hotel, and asks its members to contact her.

The Rochester Dental Assistants Society likewise urges its members to contact Phyllis Saeta, 286 E. Main St., Rochester, for information about future meetings and activities.

The Buffalo Dental Assistants Society says "Ask Bernice Clark, 140 Rees St., Buffalo, how great a task is being performed to bring the best to our group."

The Hudson Valley Dental Assistants Society has plans under way for a stimulating fall season and urges its members to contact President Frances Delia for details. Your Editor says "Good luck!" to all these girls and hopes this will be your best season.

Welcome to Gladys A. Stone, new Reporter for the First District of New York Dental Assistants Society, and we hope she will enjoy working with us. This group will resume its regular meetings October 15 at the Hotel Statler, New York City. Graduation exercises for the successful candidates for Certification will be held at that time, with Dr. David Tanchester, President of the First District Dental Society, bringing greetings and Dr. Wesley R. Burt, Advisor to the Fourth Extension Study Course, presiding. Dr. Maurice Sakad, Advisor to the Fifth Extension Study Course, will speak.

THIRD DISTRICT

News from Ohio

The Akron Dental Assistants Society held its election and installation of new officers in May at the Mayflower Hotel.

The Northeastern Dental Assistants Society installed its new officers in June with members of the Cleveland and Akron societies conducting the traditional candlelight ceremony.

News from Pennsylvania

At the May meeting of the Erie County Dental Assistants Society, guest speaker Dr. Jack Utley spoke on "Psychiatry Yesterday and Today." Delegate Billie Messersmith and Alternate Dottie Bourne were appointed for the State Meeting in October to be held in Pittsburgh.

The Harrisburg Dental Assistants Society has concluded a successful rummage sale sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee, in May visited the Muth & Mumma Laboratory, and in June heard an interesting lecture on "X-ray Technique" given by Dr. P. McCracken at the Miller Clinic.

The Lehigh Valley Dental Assistants Society presented, in March, an educational opportunity to members and non-members alike when the A. Leventhal & Sons Dental Suppliers were hosts for the afternoon and evening clinics. Representatives of manufac-

turers were on hand to demonstrate techniques for mixing amalgam, synthetics, impression materials and plastics. The Dr. Grace film on "Utilization of the Dental Assistant" was shown. The final presentation of the evening was a discourse on "The Dental Assistant as I See Her" by George Fine of the Williams Gold Co. The April meeting brought a provocative lecture on "Cancer" by a member of the medical profession who warned against "quack" cures as advertised in newspapers and magazines. The final meeting of this group, in May, presented Mrs. Marion Markley, Representative to the Pennsylvania Assembly from Lehigh County. Mrs. Markley is author of a bill to aid the physically and mentally handicapped children in public school education. She covered thoroughly "A Day in the Legislature" and "A Woman's Role in Government" and urged all to assume proper responsibility by voting if they expect and want good government.

The Philadelphia Dental Assistants Society held its Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers in June at the Belgravia Hotel. The ever-lovely candlelight service marked the installation of officers and honored guests included Dr. Linwood G. Grace, Director of the Bureau of Dental Health of Pennsylvania and Dr. Russell L. Strickler, Advisor to this group and member of the Philadelphia County Dental Society.

News from the District of Columbia

The Washington, D. C., Dental Assistants Society recently held its election and installation of new officers at a lovely candlelight ceremony. Our thanks go to Marcia Hankin, Third District Reporter, for this news picture of the Third District.

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Florida

The Miami District Dental Assistants Society held its June meeting at Tahiti Beach in the form of a social for members and their husbands and dates. Box lunches were the order of the day. The July meeting was held at Howard Johnson's which included dinner, a business meeting and a quiz program. This news was gleaned from Alan Smith's "The Explorer" and from Yvonne Walker, Publicity Chairman. Thanks, girls!

FIFTH DISTRICT

News from North Carolina

The Greensboro Dental Assistants Society proudly announces the beginning of its A. D. A. A. Extension Study Course on July 20. These classes will be held in rooms generously provided by the Thompson Dental Company and Woodward Prosthetic Company. The organization of this study course would not have been possible without the efforts and splendid cooperation of the doctors' committee Dr. J. J. Lauten, Chairman, Dr. S. P. Gray and Dr. William Ditto. Our appreciation for



A.D.A.A. WELCOMES A NEW STATE SOCIETY IN FOURTH DISTRICT, MISSISSIPPI STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION. Pictured are the society's first officers, and honored guests. Seated, l. to r.: Louise Broome, board member; Ruth Graham, President-Elect; Mary Bell Beacham, President; Midge Page, 1st Vice-President; Peggy Ann Hansen, Secretary-Treasurer. Standing, l. to r.: Virginia Carpenter, ADAA Membership Chairman; Lena Devron, Past Trustee, Fourth District; Viola Stone, ADAA Membership Committee, Fourth District; and Malvina Cueria, ADAA Fourth District Trustee who supervised the organization of this state association.

this news goes to Mary Benton, President of this group, and we will look forward to the contributions of Reporter Bobbie Killinger in the future.

SIXTH DISTRICT

News from Illinois

Patsy Morgan, President of Eastern Illinois Dental Assistants Society, proudly reports its membership has increased to 25 more new members in prospect. Keep up the good work, girls! This group has applied to the state department concerning instructors for an Extension Study Course and hope to start one soon. In September, they will hear Margaret Groover, Dental Hygienist of Effington County, speak on "Teeth, Their Origin and Development."

Ruth Backensto, Program Chairman for the Decatur Dental Assistants Society, will present guest speaker Dr. Wray Monroe, Past President of Decatur Dental Society, with his topic, "Does Sodium Fluoride Alloy Decay?" in September. Dr. Monroe is Chairman of the

Sodium Fluoride Dental Studies in Decatur.

Janet Lindenberg, Program Chairman for the Peoria Dental Assistants Society, has secured Dr. James Walsh, prominent Peoria physician and President of the Illinois Heart Association, as guest speaker at the September meeting. His topic will be "What Everyone Knows About Heart Disease That Isn't True." This society was grateful for the recent gift of a plaque, engraved with the names of all its presidents, to be attached to its gavel. Dr. Clarke Chamberlain, Past President of the Peoria Dental Society, was the generous donor.

Wanda Wilson, President of the Rock Island Dental Assistants Society, reports a picnic at the Indian Bluff Forest Preserve at Moline when business and pleasure were successfully combined. Plans for the fall meetings were completed and the picnic was enjoyed by all. The September meeting of this group will bring a representative of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company with the film "Your

Voice and You." Each member attending will hear a recording of her own voice.

Sheila Filmore, Reporter for the Northwest District Dental Assistants Association, announces the September meeting will present Mr. M. N. Jacobs of Davenport, Ia., with an instructive clinic on "The Care of Dental Handpieces." The October meeting of this group will bring Dr. G. E. Guenzler, local chiropodist, with his lecture on "The Care of the Feet."

The Chicago Dental Assistants Society, comprised of Chicago, North, Northwest and North Suburban Branch societies, reports through Anne M. Circone of a project undertaken to stir interest and participation and enthusiasm in inactive as well as active members of the various groups. The project consists of a letter to all dental assistant members asking for their preference in subjects or topics, favorite speakers, what each member is participating in besides dental assisting, and correct home and officer addresses. Original and duplicate forms are included as well as a stamped, self-addressed envelope and each girl is urged to return them as quickly as possible. Marilyn Hunt, Mary Berg and Lelita Benson are to be commended for this fine idea and, perhaps, many component societies all over the country will want to "borrow" it.

The Springfield Dental Assistants Society is now the proud possessor of a white leather scrapbook in which are to be entered pictures of State Convention meetings, of girls who have been presented clinics and papers, and other interesting and educational news and pictures of the activities of the group. The generous donor? Margaret Crosby!

Helen Vollmer sent further news of the Chicago Dental Assistants Society in the report of the annual meeting, closing the 1953-54 season, held at the Columbia Yacht Club. After a buffet dinner, honored guest Dr. Joseph Zielinski, Councilor for this group, spoke briefly and President Lorraine Scapilato outlined the programs and increasing work on membership for the new year. Janet Lindenberg, the persistent and hard-working Publicity Chairman for Illinois State, sent in this report.

News from Indiana

Welcome to Indiana State Dental Assistants Association's new Publicity Chairman, Virginia Bates. We hope she will enjoy this work and that all component societies in Indiana will cooperate fully with her. The Indiana State Association held its Annual Meeting in May in Indianapolis. This was its biggest and best, say all the girls who attended. The Indianapolis Dental Assistants Society served as hostesses. The Indianapolis girls closed their season with a picnic and swimming at Broad Ripple Park.

The Terre Haute Dental Assistants Society

closed its season also with a picnic held at Shakamak State Park.

The Northern Indiana Dental Assistants Society held its July meeting in the office of Dr. E. Frantz with over 15 dental assistants attending. It looks like this re-organization meeting of this group got off to a good start. The August meeting will be the Annual Juliette Southard Birthday Fund Picnic to be held on the grounds of Dr. L. H. Monfort's office in Gary.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

News from South Dakota

The 24th Annual Meeting of the South Dakota Dental Assistants Association was held in May at the Hotel Cataract, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with the Sioux Falls Study Club serving as hostesses. After registration of 53 members, the first general session, with President Ann Schmidt presiding, brought greetings from the Dental Assistants Association of Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, and from Bessie Peterson, First Vice President of A. D. A. Reports of the National Convention in Cleveland were presented by Ann Schmidt and Merle Andrews. Thursday evening brought a social evening in the ballroom during which those attending viewed a television program in which several South Dakota doctors appeared and spoke on dental health. Friday morning LeVeta Lehn, 7th District Trustee, spoke to the membership and exhibited the trophy to be awarded the winning component society in the membership contest she is sponsoring. Harriett Darling, Treasurer of A. D. A. A., brought an interesting report of the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Ontario Dental Assistants Association held in Toronto at which meeting she was the official A. D. A. representative. On Friday afternoon, the popular and well-attended clinics were held and presented Ione Powell with "Stabilizing Base Plates," Alice Van Wyne with "Assist in Surgery," and Joyce Dupraz with "Investing Inlays." Dr. M. J. May of Rapid City, President of the S. Dak. Dental Society, brought greetings, Mr. Paul Hayes of Sioux Falls, The S. S. White Dental Mfg. Co., spoke on "The Role of the Dental Assistant in the Office," and Mr. Carlson of the Dupont Co. spoke on "Care of X-ray Film." Then Mr. James Robinson, Executive Secretary of the Southern California Dental Society, addressed the group on dental economics and the assistant's part in the management of the office. This was followed by a question and answer period. Friday evening was the time and the ballroom of the Hotel Cataract was the scene of the Annual Banquet. Honored guests were LeVeta Lehn, Harriett Darling and Ann Schmidt. Hawaii was the theme of the decorations and several fine entertainers were presented. The Harriett Darling Achievement Award was presented

to Ann Schmidt for outstanding service and the Ione Powell Clinic Trophy was presented to first-place clinician, Ione Powell. Harriett Darling and LaVeta Lehn then conducted the lovely Candlelight Service for the installation of new officers. On Saturday the entire membership attended the meetings of the S. Dak. Dental Association to hear further lectures by Mr. James Robinson. This delightful and successful meeting came to a close on Saturday evening when the dental assistants attended the banquet and dance held by the S. Dak. Dental Association. Our thanks go to Pat Fitzgerald, 7th District Reporter, for this inspiring report.

The Sioux Falls Study Club met at the Y. M. C. A. Pine Room for its dinner meeting in May. Election and installation of new officers was held and a gift presented to Retiring President Sally Kleinsasser. Vermillion has two more dental assistants, Janice Schlimgen in the office of Dr. H. H. Kier and Norma Channel in the office of Dr. W. P. Powell, Publicity Chairman for the S. Dak. Dental Assistants Association, authored this report.

Vyonne Mortenson, President of S. Dak. Dental Assistants Association, proudly reports the organization of the Tri-County Dental Assistants Study Club in Watertown, S. Dak. This makes three study clubs in S. Dak., the other two located in Sioux Falls and Huron. We want to thank Vyonne for this good news and send hearty good wishes to all three groups.

News from Minnesota

Again Pat Fitzgerald, 7th District Reporter, is our source of news. In May the Minnesota Dental Hygienists and Assistants Association held its Annual Clinicians Banquet honoring the clinicians from the State Meeting. Each girl who had presented a clinic was awarded a miniature trophy. The next Certification Examination for those who have completed the requirements will take place in August in St. Paul. Twenty-five girls are expected to sit for this examination.

The West Central Dental Assistants Society ended its season with a fish fry in June and will resume its regular meetings again in the fall.

The June meeting of the St. Paul District Dental Assistants Society presented guest speaker from the Hastings Mental Hospital. A registered nurse, her topic was "Mental Health" and she agreed to make arrangements for a tour of the hospital in the fall.

The Minneapolis District girls ended their season with the Annual Achievement Award Banquet. The award, for outstanding service to her district, went to Pat Fitzgerald. The regular meetings will begin again in September. State Board members are busy making plans for the "Dental Assistants Day" to be

held September 20. This will be a full day of clinics, lectures and a luncheon.

News from Iowa

A warm welcome to another new reporter Dorothy V. Cummer, Publicity Chairman for the Iowa State Dental Assistants Association. Part of our reward in this work is watching the new girls grow and develop as they become familiar with their assignments. Dorothy reports dental assistants from every corner of Iowa (despite the devastating floods) attended the 36th Annual Meeting of the Iowa State Dental Assistants Association held in Des Moines in May. Election and installation of new officers was one of the first orders of business. Awards made at the convention included the Achievement Trophy which went to Anzanetta Lindsay of Sioux City for the second consecutive year for her outstanding contribution of service to her association, the Trophy for the best poster went to Doris Bode of Sioux City, the Trophy for best clinic went to Vera Spies of Waterloo, with second and third place awards going to Alberta Houser of Des Moines and Nelvina Scholten of Sioux City respectively. Membership Trophy, awarded on the basis of the largest percentage increase in membership, went to Fort Dodge District Dental Assistants Society. Sixteen girls sat for the Certification Examination at this meeting and two girls who had successfully passed the examination a year ago were capped at the convention. The capping ceremony was conducted by LaVeta Lehn, 7th District Trustee, and Bessie Peterson, First Vice President of ADAA. The Certification Committee consisting of Vera Spies, Chairman, Bernice Kinne and Joy Middlebrook had charge of the written portion of the examination and assisted with the oral portion. The latter portion was held at the Chauncey Lamb Laboratory under the direction of Dr. J. D. Anderson and Dr. A. W. Craig of Des Moines and Dr. T. J. Anderson and Dr. Robert Knight of Fort Dodge.

Fort Dodge District Dental Assistants Society has scheduled its first fall meeting at the Hotel Warden in September. Nine members of this group are hard at work on their Extension Study Course and, according to Bernice Kinne, Chairman of Certification, are so enthusiastic about the course they are meeting one night a week all through the summer. A pat on the back to the doctors who are so generously giving up their time to teach, too!

The Northwest District Dental Auxiliary were hostesses in June to the Northwest District Dental Assistants Society at the home of Mrs. Elmer Risk.

Oriett Clark, Past State President, announces that the Ames-Boone dental assistants have organized a study club and elected officers. Plans have been completed for a Kick-off

Meeting at which time all doctors and dental assistants in Ames and Boone will be the honored guests. Congratulations and best wishes to this new group! Ruth Rogers, University District Trustee, reports that four of their members took the Certification Examination in May. This Cedar Rapids Dental Assistants Society recently elected and installed its new officers. Virginia Collins, a former member, is now finishing her course in Kansas City and will graduate as dental hygienist in November.

Again Pat Fitzgerald pops up with more news, this time about the May meeting of the Waterloo District Dental Assistants Society when its members met at the Shields Dental Laboratory with Dr. Coppock as guest speaker. The June meeting was a picnic at the ranch of Dr. Meswarbs near Cedar Falls.

The Southwest District Dental Assistants Society celebrated "Boss's Night" in June when the assistants, their doctors and wives were guests of Dr. Glenn Anderson and his assistant, Lillie Russman, at Dr. Anderson's farm near Avoca. The August meeting will be a steak fry at Bedford when the assistants will be guests of Dr. Bill Steward and his assistants.

News from Nebraska

It is with regret that the Nebraska Dental Assistants Association announces the death of one of its members, Louise Schulz Litchfield. Louise was Past President of both the Nebraska State Association and the Omaha Dental Assistants Society. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Dr. E. A. Litchfield in his great loss.

Nebraska is proud and happy to add five more names to the roster of certified dental assistants, namely Mary Orr, Lorraine Benson, Lucile Novak, Anneliese Howell and Ruth Green, all of Omaha. The annual state meeting of the Nebraska State Association was held in May at the Castle Hotel in Omaha. Honored guests included 14 Past Presidents, two of whom are also Past Presidents of ADAA, and LaVeta Lehn, 7th District Trustee. Irene Mills of Omaha was chosen to represent Nebraska at the National Meeting in Miami Beach with her clinic entitled "The Telephone and You." This successful state meeting closed with the Annual Banquet and the Candlelight Ceremony for the installation of new officers. In June the State Association held its annual picnic at the York Country Club, York, Nebr., with Mary Ellen Halstead, President, as hostess. Dental assistants from all over the state attended for a day of fellowship and for the planning of activities for the coming year.

The Omaha Dental Assistants Society closed its season with a dinner meeting at the Regis Hotel in May. Annual reports were read and the election of new officers completed. The meeting closed with the lovely installation service of the new officers. There will be a

Certification Examination given Oct. 31 at the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry in Lincoln, Nebr.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

News from Kansas

Opal Iorger, Editor of the Kansas State Dental Assistants Association "Bulletin," reports the Missouri-Kansas Bi-State Meeting held in May in Kansas City, Mo., as the best meeting anyone could hope for. 117 members out of 201 attended this meeting—and the attendance at educational and social meetings was practically perfect. A banquet and dance on Monday evening, a beautifully appointed luncheon on Tuesday, the Sunday Morning Coffee with the Wichita girls as hostesses and a Tea on Sunday afternoon with the Dental Auxiliary as hostesses provided the social aspect of the convention. Education-wise, Dr. Dutton, Dr. Westcott, Dr. Schroeder, Dr. Hedge, Dr. Seydell and Mr. Girard presented inspiring and informative lectures and clinics. Eunice Snyder was Program Chairman and Aileen Kottal and Deane Campbell headed the Educational and the Clinic Committees. Vicke Baba took care of Publicity and Iva Coulter was interviewed on television, giving the dental assistants the opportunity to get some knowledge of their program into the American home. The Achievement Trophy went to Eunice Snyder for her outstanding service to her association, First Place Clinic Trophy sponsored by the Wichita Society went to Marcella Fischer, with Second and Third Places going to Mary Waldrup and Bettie Bostick respectively. First Place Poster Trophy went to Harvey County Dental Assistants Society, who also won Third Place in poster competition, and Deane Campbell was awarded Second Place in poster competition.

The Kansas City Dental Assistants Society (the Kansas City Kitties) dreamed up an idea for swelling the treasury—they got up at 6:30 A. M. for a breakfast at Wyandotte County Lake and the proceeds went into the treasury. Such energy!

The Topeka Dental Assistants Society recently elected new officers and Modine Patterson and Gloria Christi conducted the impressive installation ceremony. The May meeting of this group was a dinner meeting at the Elks Club when Opal Iorger assisted by Modine Patterson and Alice Johnson presented a detailed report of the State Meeting.

The Wichita Dental Assistants Society reports proudly it has gained 22 new members since Nov. 1 and is still working on membership. The final meeting of this group presented a "Clinic Night" as a sort of pep-talk for the new members to encourage them to participate in this part of the society's program. Eunice Snyder, Mary Waldrup, Opal Iorger and Roberta Wineteer presented inter-

esting clinics and Deane Campbell, Clinic Chairman, exhibited various posters which had been displayed at previous State Meetings.

Did you ever hear of a "Silver Lining Fund?" We think it is so worthwhile and interesting that we want to tell all dental assistants about it. Mrs. H. L. Bunker, President of the Kansas Dental Auxiliary, reports that the "Silver Lining Fund" has collected over \$1,000.00 in the past year with still more funds due from the refineries. The funds come from the contributions of scrap silver by dental assistants all over the state as well as cash contributions from some doctors whose practices are specialized. Last year this fund made available \$2,000.00 to dental students, benefitting seven students. Loans are limited to \$300.00 per student and they are selected by a Project Board together with Dean R. J. Rinehart of the Kansas City University Dental School.

NINTH DISTRICT

News from Washington

Doris Murphy is the Publicity Chairman for the Seattle District Dental Assistants Society and reports on the May meeting of this group. It was the installation of new officers with Lois Kryger, 9th District Trustee, as Installing Officer and Rachel Davis, Past President of Washington State, as Conducting Officer. Dr. Robert J. Wallace, President of Seattle District Dental Society, was guest speaker. Dr. Wallace served three years as Advisor to the Seattle society as well as two years as Advisor to the State Association. Honored guests at this meeting included all the members of the Advisory Committee, namely Dr. Herbert W. Fleege, Dr. Homer Lockett and Dr. Milan Starks, Chairman. Another honored guest present was Madge Tingley of Portland, Honorary Member of this society, and donor of the Madge Tingley Achievement Award. The Advisory Committee awards this Trophy on the basis of the dental assistant who, in their opinion, has contributed the greatest service to her society. This year the Trophy was presented to Vera Fuhrman.

TENTH DISTRICT

News from Texas

The Austin Dental Assistants Society ended its season with its May meeting. Reports of the delegates to the State Meeting were read and guest speaker Dr. Jack Moore spoke interestingly on "Oral Cancer." The meeting concluded with a film on "Oral Cancer" provided by the Cancer Society.

The Dallas Dental Assistants Society held a dinner meeting in May at which time Board and Committee reports were read. Reports of the delegates to the State Meeting were heard and were given by Cecile Cartwright, Carol Jan Brown and Aileen Rogers. Thelma Watts announced that all Dallas girls had passed their Certification Examination. Con-

gratulations, girls! Dr. W. C. McCaskill, guest speaker, presented a film entitled "Beauty and Oral Health" illustrating the importance of the dental assistant aiding her doctor in prosthetic work. He was assisted by his assistant Mildred Lillard. Nancy Neely outlined a 5-hour course "Making the Most of Yourself" which is being offered to these members. In June the annual picnic was held at the home of Annie Mae Mills. Annie Mae was presented a handsome gift in appreciation for the many years she has played hostess to the annual picnic.

The Fort Worth Dental Assistants Society heard the reports of the State Meeting from Delegates Dorothy Williams, Alma Estes and Corine Hammond in May. Jewel Casburn showed pictures of the social functions and the table clinics of the State Meeting. Guest speaker was Mrs. Jerry Lightbound of the Fort Worth Gray Ladies Association. June brought the western style picnic at Trinity Park in conjunction with the Dallas Dental Assistants Association.

The Odessa Dental Assistants Society held its May meeting at the home of Mrs. Bryan Hewitt. Mrs. Bobby Newport reported on the Tea held in honor of the Midland Dental Assistants Society. Plans were made for the study course and for a social meeting in honor of the San Angelo, Midland and Odessa societies.

The Smith County Dental Assistants Society held its May meeting at El Charo, beginning with dinner. Delegate reports of the State Meeting were given by Wilma Cochran and Jippie Tolbert. The June meeting of this group was held in the offices of Drs. Clyde Pinkerton, Morris & Green. Guest speaker was Mrs. Edna McNamara, head of the cosmetic department of Mayer & Schmidt, who discussed and demonstrated make-up for business and evening wear. The July meeting was a social affair held at the home of Jippie Tolbert with husbands and dates as guests. Our thanks go to Virginia Harpstrite, State Reporter, for this fine report.

News from Arizona

The Phoenix District Dental Society held its installation of new officers in May when they enjoyed a pot-luck supper at the home of President Billie Noack. In June, this group held a Tea in honor of the new State President, Marion Small. September will begin the autumn season with a program designed to combine the capping of the girls who were certified this year with the annual Juliette Southard Birthday Fund party. The Program Committee has completed plans for the new season and promise a speaker and either a clinic or a paper for every meeting. The Education Committee announces a new Extension Study Course for this fall. (Sent in by Helen Hutton of Phoenix.)

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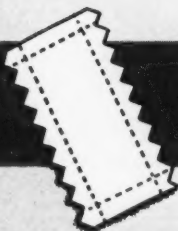
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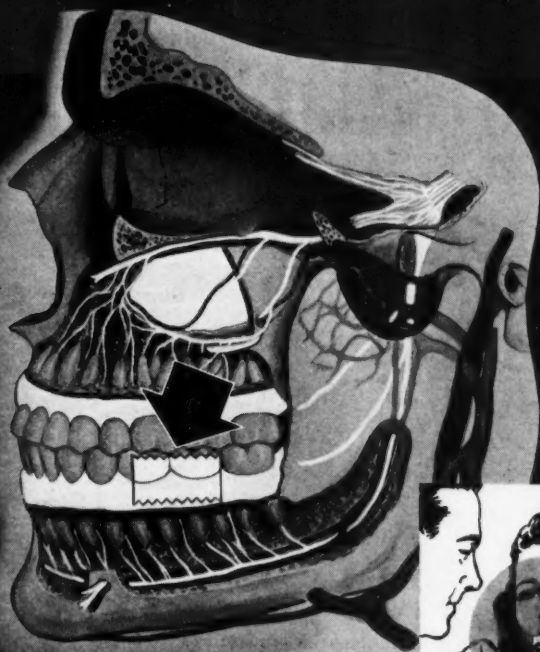
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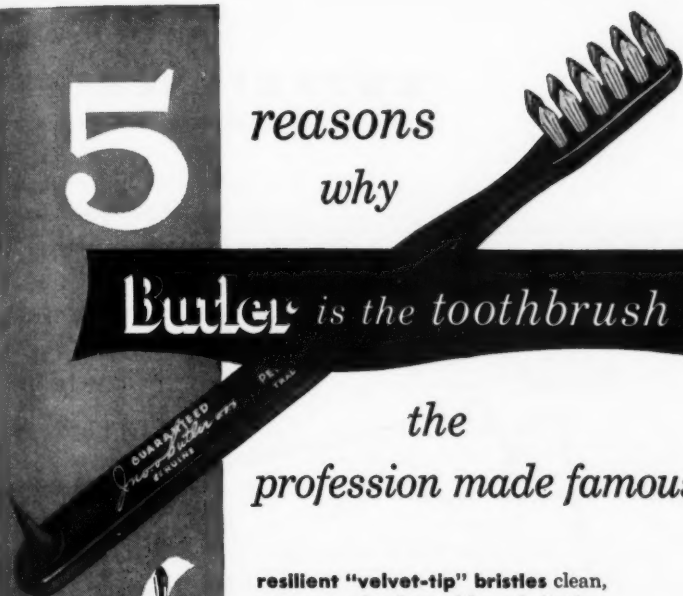
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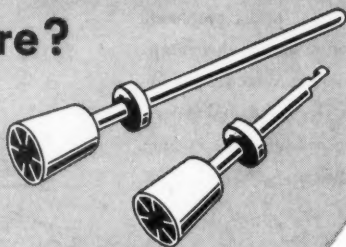
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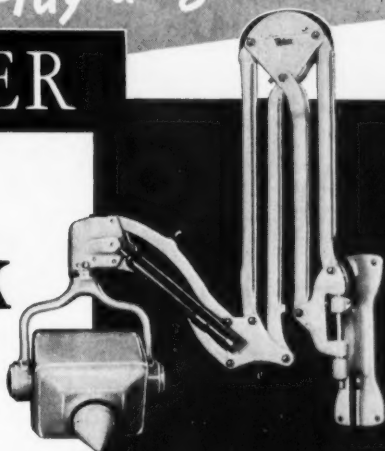
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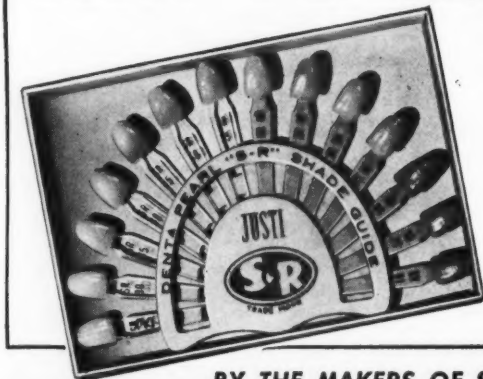


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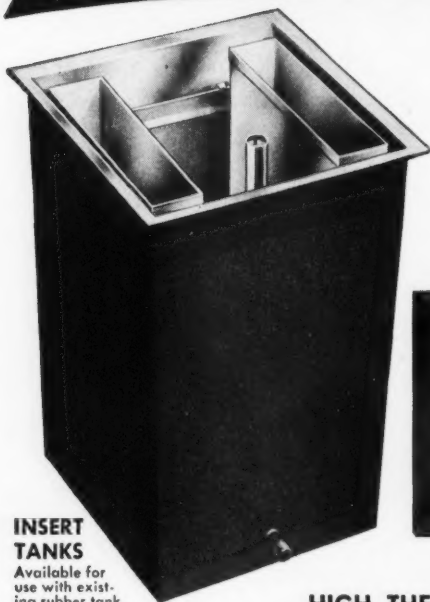
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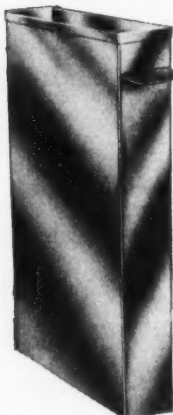


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